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1. At the U-Boat School, Sassnitz, a course is at present being given on the Russian submarine Type 15 C. This submarine has a short range and can only be used for coastal patrols, and is especially designed for use in the Baltic. It has a complement of 22 officers and men. It carries 5 torpedos which are exclusively "Dampfgas" types, called "Cold Torpedos" by torpedo mechanics. The boat has an 88 mm gun. It has been unofficially mentioned during a recent course that on completion of the 15 C course, instruction on the 21 C is also to be given to selected personnel.
2. Basic training, which every student undertakes before being posted to one of the specialist courses, lasts six weeks. The specialist courses last 18 months and are divided up as follows:
  - (a) Radio communications.
  - (b) Diesel and electrical engineering.
  - (c) Steering and Signals.
  - (d) Torpedo and gunnery.
  - (e) Mine-laying, mine-sweeping.
3. The chief instructor at the U-Boat School is Kapitanleutnant Worgasin.
4. The Torpedo Mechanics Course is directed by Karl Rosengarten. Rosengarten is acting company commander and wears "coastal defense" shoulder-boards.
5. The Torpedo Mechanics Course is further sub-divided into:
  - Torpedo Course
  - Mines Course
  - Gunnery Course

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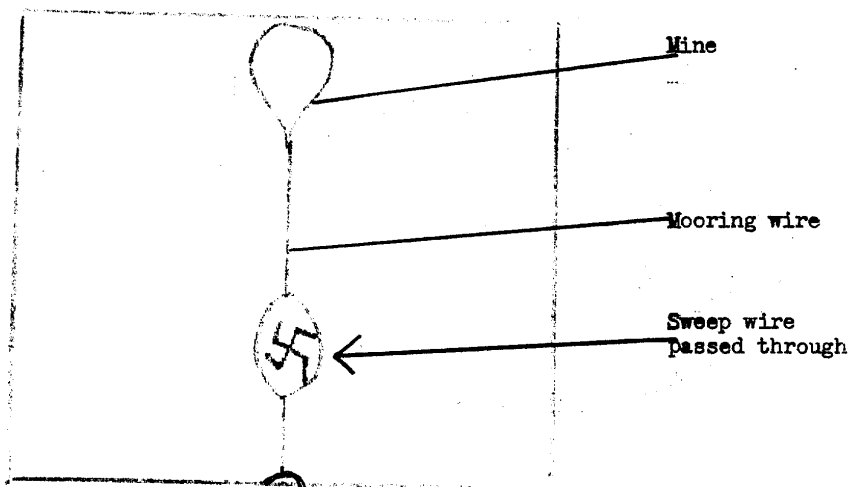
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Students must take all three courses.

6. The Torpedo Course consists of 20 hours weekly on the "Dampfgas" torpedo. Torpedoes are fired from bow tubes and from a stern tube with an additional charge. The instructor for this part of the course is Obermeister Seifert, an ex-Kriegsmarine Torpedo Mechanic.
7. The Mining Course, consisting of 15 hours weekly, covers the "English" type 71 mine and the Russian type 18 mine. The type 71 mine is an improvement on the English type, which has a special device built in the mooring wire which is designed to stop sweep wires from cutting the mine mooring. This device consists of a swastika-like rotating cross which allows the mine-sweeping gear to hook into it, turn 180° and slip out on the other side without cutting the mooring. The instructor of this course is Sergeant major Fritz Genschow of the coastal defense unit.
8. The torpedo mechanics were also being trained with 80 mm gun, in a short course designed more for emergency than to give a sound knowledge of this weapon.

The '71' Mine



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